Government of India, so far. All the State Governments/UTs including Government of Madhya Pradesh were requested to carry out a micro level survey with particular focus on SC/ST and minority habitations. Government of Madhya Pradesh has furnished requirement of 9691 additional Anganwadi Centres under 3rd phase of expansion of ICDS Scheme.

Revamping of ICDS

453. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to revamp the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also proposed to increase the Anganwadi Centres under this project;

(d) if so, the details thereof *inter alia* indicating those that would be added in Orissa; and

(e) the action plan of Government to fight malnutrition among pregnant women/children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes, Madam. The details, however, are being worked out.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) For the 3rd Phase of expansion a requirement of 2.13 lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) has been received from all the States/UTs which includes a requirement for 21128 AWCs from the State of Orissa.

(e) It is proposed to restructure the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme and implement it in a Mission Mode.

Early marriage of girls

454. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, according to a study conducted by the International Centre for Research on Women, 57 per cent of girls are married off before they reach the age of 18;

(b) whether this constitutes violation of the Child Marriage Restraint Act as amended in 1978; and

(c) whether Government proposes to review the law and if so, the details of its aims and objectives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per information received from International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW), an ICRW study "New Insights on Preventing Child Marriage: A Global Analysis of Factors and Programs (April 2007)", uses data from the National Family Health Survey-II (1998-99) to suggest that 59% of girls in rural India marry before the age of 18 years.

(b) and (c) In order to prohibit child marriages and to make the provisions of the Act more effective and punishment more stringent for offenders, a new legislation "The Prohibition

of Child Marriage Act, 2006" (No. 6 of 2007) has been notified in the Gazette of India on 11th January, 2007 and the said Act has been enforced w.e.f. 1.11.2007. The Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 is repealed with the enforcement of the said Act. Also, awareness generation and advocacy measures are continuously being undertaken by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in this connection.

Food provided under ICDS

†455. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the food being given to the pregnant women, breast feeding women and children upto six years of age under the Integrated Child Development Services;

(b) what kind of food should be given to them as per the opinion of the experts; and

(c) whether all such women and children are receiving such benefits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) As per the guidelines contained in the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, the State Government/Union Territory Administrations have the flexibility to select the type of food to be provided as supplementary nutrition to Pregnant and Lactating Mothers and children below six years of age. It could be milk, pre-processed or semi-processed food or food prepared on the spot from locally available food stuff depending upon the category of beneficiaries, location of the project and administrative feasibility.

The scheme also provides that on an average, daily nutritional supplements to the extent of 300 calories and 10 gms. of proteins per child, 500 calories and 15-20 gms. of proteins per pregnant woman/nursing mother, and 600 calories and 20 gms. of proteins per severly malnourished child be provided for 300 days in a year.

(c) Supplementary Nutrition is provided, as per existing guidelines, to all Pregnant and Lactating mothers and children below 6 years of age coming to the Anganwadi Centre.

Resources for targeted children

456. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that millions of poor children in the country are suffering from malnutrition despite Government's allocation of resources for the purpose due to non reaching of resources to the targeted poor children;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the amount allocated by Government for the purpose during each of the last two years, State-wise, alongwith the details of the schemes and the monitoring report of Government regarding intended benefits reaching the targeted poor children?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi